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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Matter of:

U.S. National Phase Entry

Under 35 USC § 371 from

the International Application of

Kasturi, Chandrika et al

Int'l Appln No. PCT/US00/14405

Int'l Filing Date of May 25, 2000

Entitled: DETERGENT COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING POLYMERIC SUDS
ENHANCERS WHICH HAVE IMPROVED MILDNESS AND SKIN FEEL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A method for manually cleaning an object comprising contacting a user's hands with a washing solution comprising water and a detergent composition in which suds produced by the solution are maintained by a polymeric suds stabilizer, said suds stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of:

(a) polymers comprising at least one monomeric unit of the formula: